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REVAMPING OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to revamp agricultural education in the country to forge a strong university-industry linkage;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote university-industry interaction; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Council constituted Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Committee to suggest measures to improve quality of education in the country. Apart from various broad-based recommendations, the Committee recommended the strengthening of the linkages of State Agricultural Universities with private and public sector industries.

The Steps taken to strengthen the bondage of industries with State Agricultural Universities include :

- Revision of curricula of all disciplines of Agricultural Sciences in consultation with relevant industrial houses.
- Imparting of skill based practical - training under Rural Awareness Work Experience (RAWE)/hands-on training at industries/warehouses/farms etc.
- Creation of Placement Cell in universities for arranging campus interviews.
- Inclusion of experts from industries as members of academic management/ committee of the universities.

(c) Not applicable in view of (a) and (b) above.